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STATE MACHINE CENTERS, FARMS  
PREPARE FOR SPRING PLANTING

POM READIES TRACTORS, FARM MACHINES -- Wola Lodu, No 55, 24 Feb 50

By 20 March, 96 percent of the tractors and 90 percent of the farm machines of the POM (State Machine Centers) will be ready for spring sowing.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Reform is to see that POM is adequately prepared to achieve its tasks in the spring sowing. It is to exercise control over the repair of tractor and farm machines and the supply of fuel, lubricants, and spare parts.

A detailed plan for POM operations is to be established. Maximum utilization of tractors and farm machines is emphasized. In case they are not available for the producers' cooperatives, an agreement will be made with the nearest state farm to supply the POM with the required automotive fuel and lubricants by 1 March 1950, and to supply them with the required spare parts by 10 March 1950.

The POM is to organize an adequate number of workers' brigades, tractor operators, helpers, and service mechanics before starting the spring sowing program. Each tractor will have its own operator and eventually its own helper also.

Tractor operators are to receive additional training, field brigades are to be organized in two shifts, and work competition in the achievement of norms and the improvement in quality of work is to be organized to speed the completion of the spring sowing program.

PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES SET FOR SPRING PLANTING -- Wola Lodu, No 69, 10 Mar 50

Producers' cooperatives are getting ready for spring planting. Most of these cooperatives will plant on a collective basis for the first time.

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The newly organized POM (State Machine Centers) have 76 machine centers equipped to plant and cultivate an area of 100,000 hectares of average arable land. State Machine Centers have been set up wherever there are numerous cooperatives. In the Nysa region, three machine centers serve 25 cooperatives. There are two machine centers in Strzelin Powiat and two in Glubczyce Powiat.

Agreements with individual cooperatives for spring planting concluded up to 5 March 1950 cover an area of average arable land amounting to 51,000 hectares. The agreements specify the nature, quantity, and quality of the help to be given, and the final date of execution. The fee to be paid to the machine centers is calculated at 2,400 zlotys per hectare of average arable land.

STATE FARMS TO SOW 768,271 HECTARES -- Zycie Olsztynskie, No 70, 11 Mar 50

The State Farms are making intensive preparations for spring sowing, with great emphasis on per-hectare yield. The total area sown will reach 768,271 hectares.

This year, the State Farms will sow 5.3 percent more wheat, 19.4 percent more spring barley, 31.6 percent more mixed grain, 18.4 percent more potatoes, 16.9 percent more rape seed and agrimony, and 43.5 percent more edible legumes than last year.

The supply of manure increased about 100 percent over last year because of increased stock production, and the use of fertilizer will also be much greater than last year.

The use of tractors will increase 30 percent over last year.

MINISTRIES TO AID STATE FARMS -- Wola Ludu, No 55, 24 Feb 50

The Economic Planning Committee of the Council of Ministers has established the area of spring sowing and medium tillage land cultivation for the State Farms at 1,567,989 hectares.

The Minister of Agriculture is to see that the State Farms make the greatest possible use of draft animals and tractors and increase work productivity by improved organization of field brigades, the use of two shifts, and work competition, in order to shorten the period of spring preparation.

The Ministers of Heavy Industry and Foreign Trade are to see that the State Farms are supplied with the number of tractors planned for the first quarter 1950.

SPRING SOWING TO COVER OVER 9 MILLION HECTARES -- Polska Zachodnia, No 10, 5 - 11 Mar 50

KERM (Economic Committee of the Council of Ministers) has announced that the 1950 spring sowing will cover a total area of 9,004,000 hectares of land, including 753,399 hectares under contract for industrial crops. At least 360,000 hectares of untilled fallow land and 97,500 hectares of tilled fallow land will be cultivated and afforested. Increased production of food for the population and of raw materials for industry will be attained through developing and strengthening the State Farms, continuous development of producers' cooperatives, expansion in forms of indirect planning in individual small-scale farming, and coordination of all efforts of state organizations, Peasant Self-Help Association, and cooperatives.

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The state is assigning a high quota as financial aid for small- and medium-farm holders and producers' cooperatives. This aid will be in the form of grants and short- and long-term credits to be used for purchases of fertilizers, seeds, planting equipment, etc. The state will give special attention and aid to producers' cooperatives. The resolutions of the KERM obligate the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform to organize sowing programs.

The producers' cooperatives in Nysa Powiat pledged to increase land productiveness and to increase the output from livestock. The yield from one hectare of land sown to wheat will be increased from 20 to 22 quintals; rye from 18 to 20 quintals; barley from 16 to 18 quintals; oats to an average of 20 quintals.

Sugar-beet yield will be the highest; the harvest from one hectare will increase 60 quintals over the 1949 harvest.

Through rational feeding methods, the milk yield in Nysa Powiat will increase by 840 liters over the 1949 milk yield.

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